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PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 05711.0138-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re A | Application of: |) |
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| Yutaka TOMINAGA et al. | |) Group Art Unit: 3677 |
| Serial No.: 10/058,405 | |) Examiner: J. Brittain |
| Filed: | January 30, 2002 |)) |
| For: | SLIDE FASTENER AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF | RECEIVED |
| Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231 | | MAR 2 6 2003 GROUP 3600 |

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated March 4, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group I - Claims 1-5, drawn to a slide fastener, classified in class 24, subclass 391; and

Group II - Claims 6-8, drawn to a method of manufacturing a slide fastener, classified in class 156, subclass 308.2.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-5, drawn to a slide fastener, classified in class 24, subclass 391, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

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